



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/657,446  
Applicant : David E. Edgren et al.  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, kindly amend the application identified above as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Appendix A** including figures in support of remarks/arguments is attached following page 14 of this paper.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004.